IMPERIAL INDIAN RELIEF FUND.

PRESS COMMUNIQUE.

Simla, 26th April 1918.

The total sum received by way of subscriptions to the Central Imperial Indian Relief Fund from the date of its inception up to the 31st March 1918 was Rs. 1,53,96,000. The interest upon the sums placed at fixed deposit amounted to about Rs. 8,57,000, bringing the total income of the total income of the Central Fund up to Rs. 79,80,000. The principal items being :—

	Rs.
Sums placed at the disposal of Divisional and Brigade Area Committees for the relief of distress among the families of soldiers at the front and for the payment of donations to men who have been permanently disabled and to the heirs of deceased soldiers and followers	58,12,000*
Grants-in-aid to the Soldiers and Sailors Families Association	3,50,000
Extra medical comforts for the sick and wounded ...	3,74,000
Donations to the Officers' Families in England	2,91,000
Donation to the Indian Soldiers' Fund	1,00,000
Donations to the Indian Comforts for Troops Fund ...	3,64,000
Donations to the St. John Ambulance Association ..	56,000
Compensation paid to officers and crews of vessels sunk by the enemy	96,000
Assistance to convalescent officers	4,99,000
Donation to the Queen Mary's Technical School for disabled Indian Soldiers, Bombay	20,000
Relief to the families of Postal and Telegraph employès proceeded on active service	13,000

The balance in hand of the Central Fund on the 31st March 1918 was Rs. 82,73,000.

During March 1918, the subscriptions received by the Central Fund (including the allotment of about Rs. 15 lakhs by His Majesty's Government from the Burma War Fund) amounted to Rs. 15,48,112, while the disbursements during the same period amounted to Rs. 1,05,370.

*Of this amount about Rs. 22½ lakhs have been expended on the grant of relief to men returned from the front proceeding on sick leave to their homes. This concession has since been withdrawn.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE.

Dated 6th May 1918.

The Officiating Director, while in Bangalore and not specially engaged, will be glad to receive visitors on every Thursday, if it is not a gazetted holiday, between 1 P.M. and 4 P.M.

2. Government Officers having business may call at the Director's Office, "Bedford House", High Ground, between 4 and 5 P.M., the same day.

3 During the absence of the Director on tour from headquarters, or while he is otherwise engaged, the Personal Assistant will receive visitors and attend to them on all office days.

V. RANGASWAMY IYENGAR,
Offg. Director.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE.

Notification dated 20th May 1918.

The first year class of the Hebbal Agricultural School for 1918 will be opened on 1st July next. Admission to the class will be given from among the candidates who pass an entrance examination to be held on 22nd June 1918 at all District Headquarters. Applications for admission to the School should reach the Vice-Principal of the Agricultural School on or before the 15th of June 1918.

Application forms are obtainable from the Offices of the Deputy Commissioners of Districts, Agricultural Inspectors, Deputy and Assistant Directors, the Director of Agriculture and Vice-Principal, Agricultural School, Hebbal, Bangalore.

LESLIE C. COLEMAN,
Director of Agriculture.